

Fly Safe Campaign



Watch your fax or e-mail every other Monday in April, May, June and August and every Monday in July for scheduled issues. Supplemental messages may be sent when increased flight activity warrants additional safety awareness.

MAINTAIN ACCIDENT AWARENESS

Don't become a statistic!

NTSB has reported six ag accidents including one fatality so far in 2016. However, news reports indicate two recent accidents with fatalities. In Arkansas, a helicopter collided with the loading truck, fatally injuring a ground crewman and in Texas, a pilot was killed when he struck a cell tower guy wire.

“I'M SAFE” PERSONAL CHECKLIST

The aviation-wide practice of using acronyms for recalling checklists has proven very effective although it is not a substitute for using detailed, written checklists when available. Most pilots are aware of the “GUMP” pre-landing checklist but not as many are aware of a checklist to evaluate the physiological and psychological readiness of the pilot of the aircraft. The FAA recommends the use of “IMSAFE” to make this determination. Below is an abbreviated version:

Illness – Do I have any symptoms?

Medication – Have I been taking prescription or over-the-counter drugs?

Stress – Am I under psychological pressure from the job? Worried about financial matters, health problems, or family discord?

Alcohol – Have I been drinking within 8 hours? Within 24 hours?

Fatigue – Am I tired and not adequately rested?

Eating – Am I adequately nourished?

Before beginning a flight, pre-flight yourself as thoroughly as you do the aircraft!

Remember TFR Awareness

Check Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFRs) before flying! FAA recommends you obtain TFR NOTAMs from FSS. Make sure you have proof that you made the effort to comply as verified by briefing records at FSS or by DUATS log in.

Make a “Fly Safe” Resolution Now!